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STATE MANAGER TO ADDRESS TAYLOR ELECTRIC MEMBERS

Several hundred members of Extension Service in 1936-37. He assisted in developing the first electric cooperative in that state. Joe Cypert, president of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, will give the welcome address.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Entertainment will be by Vaughn O'Shields and "His Hired Hands."

A highlight of the day will be a talk by J. R. Cobb of Austin, general manager of the Texas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. His address is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Cobb, a native of Louisiana, has been manager of the cooperatives since March 1953. A graduate of Louisiana State University with a degree in agriculture and electrical engineering, Cobb was employed by Louisiana Agricultural

Fortnightly Club Hears Program

On 'Symbols'

Fortnightly Study Club met Tuesday afternoon in the elementary school library, with Mrs. Andy Shouse hostess. Theme of the program was "United States Symbols."

Mrs. David Gamble, assisted by Girl Scout Troop 101, presented the Flag Salute ceremony. Girls participating were Brown Gamble, Wynona Doan, Diane Knight, Mamie Patterson, Nancy Evans, Linda Jacobs, Kathy Derrington and Ann Wisenbunt. Mrs. Gamble called attention to the symbols worn on the costume of each girl.

Mrs. Johnny Cox told the story of "Uncle Sam, the Man and the Legend." She traced the origin of the Goddess of Liberty through two early American symbols, Pocahontas and Columbia. The speaker named Yankee Doodle and Brother Jonathan as the two great protectors of our national spirit, culminating in the final symbol of Uncle Sam. Mrs. Cox paid tribute to the Girl Scouts and other present-day organizations who are helping to promote a greater national unity.

Mrs. Ray Wilson, president, announced the final meeting of the year — a luncheon on May 20 at the West Texas Utilities Club House.

Summer Band Slated At McM

McMurry College's annual Summer Band and Twirling School will be held July 16-29 this year, Dr. Raymond T. Bynum, Indian Band director, announced this week.

Several young high school, junior high, and college band students are expected on the campus during that two-week period, Bynum said.

The school is staffed by some of the top band teachers in West Texas. These instructors will deal mostly with the individual instruments, and much of the emphasis in the McMurry school is on this phase of work.

The school is operated by practical bandmen, Bynum said. Already selected for the faculty are Robert Gans, Band director at Winters in theory; Fred Smith, Brownfield, clarinet; Bill Dean, Odessa High School, bassoon and oboe; J. R. McEntyre, Odessa, French horn; Merlin Jennings, Cooper of Abilene, cornet and trumpet; Dwight Tomb, Colorado City, percussion; Carl M. Lobitz, Crockett Junior High at Odessa, trombone.

Also Gene Smith, Ector of Odessa, saxophone; Donald Baird, Bowie Junior High at Odessa, baritone; Mrs. Gene Young of Plains, twirling; Ann Bynum, Lubbock, Flute; and Bill Green, Snyder, bass.

Several of these instructors are McMurry graduates. Bynum said other faculty members would be named in the next few weeks.

The band students participate in several concerts during the school and take part in an organized social and recreational program.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Doan and children, Vickie and Steve, visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan of Mineral Wells, Sunday.

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

Well, as far as rain doing the wheat any good, it is hard to tell now. The past week the dry hot winds really gave the wheat a beating.

There hasn't been any wheat harvested in our area as yet, had rains come a few weeks ago the crop would have been good.

G. N. Reynolds of Trent told us some of the wheat had been harvested in the Trent area and some of it produced 20 bushels per acre. That is really good for this year.

Livestock is doing good, however, stockmen are reporting tanks getting low on water.

The stock boys want to hold on to their cattle as long as possible due to the fact it is hard to buy them back when rain does come.

Rain has been a big word as didn't have any in April and none so far in May.

Farm land was broken and listed and then been plowed which takes a lot of gas.

The sheep are sheared and reports of some wool selling. Ford Butman sold on the San Angelo market for 47 cents per pound, and John Commer who runs sheep in the west end of the Canyon, reports the sale of his wool for 42 cents per pound.

T. J. Neill and children, who have a little herd of Southdown ewes for show stock, report a fine bunch of lambs.

Joe Seymore and Tom Russom were in Seymour the last of the week to attend an implement sale. They said about 250 tractors were for sale.

While there they saw Bill Horton of Munday, who is in the farm machinery business. He is a brother of Mrs. Odis Griffin of Merkel.

From Stamford to Seymour the wheat crop is good. Some of the farmers said the yield would be between 35 to 40 bushels per acre.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Riney and little daughter of Andrews were here over the weekend visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Riney, and his sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Rust of Cisco were weekend visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Scott and little daughter of Plainview visited recently in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Swinney of Amarillo were weekend visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley and Tom Russom attended the Taylor County singing convention at Hamby Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Toombs and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore and family visited the home of their mother and grandmother, Mrs. A. R. Toombs of Merkel, Sunday. They attended service at the First Methodist Church.

Due to the dry weather farmers are signing up their maize crop to Uncle Sam. Too, they figure \$15 per acre is a fair payment when the sun is hot and wind blowing in the middle of May.

Well, that well that was drilled on the Murrell Riggan place in the west end of the Canyon was a dry hole.

Preparation is being made to drill on Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom's place, known as the G. L. Anderson place. It will be another deep test, down to 5,800 feet. Not much leasing of land, and most of it drawing five dollars per acre.

Mrs. Warren Shaw and children of Abilene were Mother's Day visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan.

Mrs. Jere Evans and children, Rickey and Kerl of Midland were weekend visitors in the home of her father, Lee Stanley.

Mrs. R. B. Woodard and two sons, Wayne and Eldon, and Nike Cox, all of Hawley were dinner guests Saturday of Mrs. Woodard's mother, Mrs. J. O. Armstrong.

Invocation will be by the Rev. Bill Swindler, pastor of the Trent Baptist Church.

At the business session in the afternoon, three directors are to be elected. Nominated for reelection are the three whose terms expire — Comer Haynes of Merkel; O. S. Moore, Nolan; and Jack Morrow, Hawley.

Other directors of the cooperative are Henry Roberts, president; C. F. Hill, vice president; Sam Butman Jr., secretary-treasurer; J. J. Anderson, Elmo S. Jones and Oma Thomas.

Door prizes, donated by manufacturers and suppliers as well as local merchants, will be given with the grand prize to be an electric range.

Lester Dorton, manager of the cooperative, said the public is invited to attend any or all of the sessions.

Noodle HD Club Meeting Held

The Noodle Home Demonstration Club met in the school cafeteria May 9 with the president, Mrs. Hubert Sullivan, presiding.

Mrs. Ernest Spurgin led the opening prayer. Roll call was answered with "A law which affects married women in Texas."

Mrs. Spurgin was elected council delegate to replace Mrs. Alma Hill who resigned.

Members were asked to bring useful articles for Boys' Ranch to the next meeting. Suggestions made were sheets, pillow cases, towels, wash cloths, etc.

Mrs. Larrol Best clothing demonstrator, and Mrs. Sullivan gave a demonstration on "Items for Skirts and Dresses." They said that hems should be of uniform width throughout, uniform distance from the floor, wide enough to provide enough weight to hang well and to suit present style.

Mrs. Dick Herron won the hostess gift.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Dick Skidmore and Mrs. Olive to the following members: Mmes. Callaway, Best, Ernest Spurgin, Parham, Sullivan, Uekert, Maxwell, Herron and Campbell.

Paula Skidmore and Patti Maxwell were guests.

HD Club Meets In Douglas Home

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. O. R. Douglas Friday, May 12, with Mrs. Mable McRee presiding.

Mrs. Andy Baker presented the program on "Improvement of Closets and Storage in Homes." Bulletins, pictures and magazine articles showing ways of improving storage space were discussed by members.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. J. H. Clack, Dervell Teaff, O. E. Harwell, W. C. Newton, O. R. Douglas, G. D. McConnell, V. L. Russell, Baker and Miss McRee.

School Nurse Feted At Tea

Mrs. Joe Stephens of Hamlin, Jones County school nurse, was honored by the Noodle-Horn FHA at a tea Thursday afternoon.

The FHA girls and the faculty presented the honoree, who is moving to Pampa, a silver and crystal epergne.

A salad plate and punch, prepared by the first year home-making class, was served. Mrs. Johnny Zitterkopf presided at the tea table. Linda Perkins, Louise Rhynes and Carolyn Cox represented the FHA as hostesses.

Noodle Club Names Officers

Shannon Strother was elected president of the Noodle Chapter of National Beta Club at a meeting May 11. Ann Lucas is outgoing president.

Other officers named were Darrell Ueckert, vice president; Dolores Carpenter, secretary; Margaret Hunter, treasurer; Louise Rhynes and David Carter, reporters, Mike Easley and Diane Carter, historians.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Merritt were weekend visitors with relatives at Snyder.



CORKY COX to get degree

Cox To Receive Degree From McM

Nowlin Denzel Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Cox, of Merkel will receive a Bachelor of Science degree from McMurry College in Abilene on May 29.

The college has 90 spring graduates. Twenty bachelor of business administration degrees, 34 bachelor of arts degrees, and 36 bachelor of science degrees will be awarded. One master of education degree will also be given.

Bishop Paul Galloway of the San Antonio - Northwest Texas Area of the Methodist Church will speak for the baccalaureate service Sunday, May 28, at 8 p.m.

Bishop Galloway will be given an honorary doctorate at commencement exercises Monday, May 29, at 10 a.m.

Commencement speaker is Dr. Laurence D. Haskew, University of Texas vice-chancellor.

Dr. Gordon Bennett, president of McMurry, will preside at both services.

Cox is employed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. in Abilene.

Community Fund Drive To Start Here On May 22

A kick-off breakfast for the Merkel Community Fund drive has been slated by the Jaycees who will be in charge of solicitations, for 6:30 a.m. Monday, May 22, at the Country Club.

Jaycee Franklin Myrick said pledge cards will be given to workers at this time and he urges all persons interested in participating to be present.

Goal set for the 1961 drive is \$5,000. There will be only the one combined drive for several worthwhile organizations.

Myrick suggests that persons consider before being contacted what they would donate to each separate organization, total the amounts and pledge accordingly.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie D. Doan and children of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Don Doan and children of Stamford and Mr. and Mrs. Grady Bishop of Merkel were weekend visitors in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan.

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PROCLAMATION In The Name And By The Authority Of The City of Merkel

WHEREAS, People in Merkel enjoy the fellowship and association of the people of Taylor Electric Cooperative, and

WHEREAS, We are interested in doing the utmost to cause the day of their annual meeting to be most pleasurable, and

WHEREAS, The personnel of Taylor Electric Cooperative show active community building spirit, we in Merkel feel it only fitting that we should express our appreciation to this fine group of citizens, and as host to the annual stockholder's meeting should do all in our power to make the people of Taylor Electric Cooperative know they are welcome to Merkel,

THEREFORE, I, Earl Hughes, Mayor of the City of Merkel, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 18, 1961, as Taylor Electric Cooperative Day in Merkel, and urge every person to recognize the just debt to these fine citizens, and to express appreciation for the great community work they are doing.

EARL HUGHES Mayor

Rural Carriers To Distribute Survey Cards

Postmaster Wrenn Durham reminds rural patrons of the Merkel Post Office to be on the look-out for June Livestock Survey cards. Next week, mail carriers will leave survey cards in a sample of boxes along their routes.

"USDA bases livestock and poultry estimates on replies to this survey," Mr. Durham explains. "It's important for everyone who gets a card to fill it out and return it to the carrier. This way, USDA gets a true sample of the area's livestock and poultry holdings."

Carriers assisting with the survey are: Homer Tye, Rt. 1; Pinkie Cypert, Rt. 2; Joe Nalley, Rt. 3; Stanley King, Rt. 4.

Survey cards will be forwarded to Cary D. Palmer, State Agricultural Statistician in Austin. After adding and analyzing these cards, USDA statisticians are able to estimate the State's milk production, calf and pig crops and the number of hens and pullets.

Information from this survey will guide livestock and poultry producers in making important business decisions," Mr. Durham concludes.

Trent Student Gets Farm Honor

Buddy King has been presented with a Certificate of Merit in Farm Mechanics, awarded by the Thor Research Center for Better Farm Living, Huntley, Ill., for showing the greatest farm mechanics ability among the graduating seniors of Trent High School, Trent.

Neil C. Hurley Jr., founder of the Thor Research Center, a non-profit farm research organization located in northern Illinois, established the Farm Mechanics Award to honor the member of each senior high school class deemed most outstanding in his proficiency to apply farm mechanics to the effective use of farm shop equipment and tools, in the maintenance of farm machinery and in building projects to provide improved farm living and operating efficiency. The selection is made by the student's vocational agriculture teacher.

Chera Jane Corder of Merkel is one of 525 seniors who have applied for bachelor's degrees this semester at North Texas State College.

Spring baccalaureate service will be held at 11 a.m. May 28 in the Main Auditorium at NTSC. Commencement exercises are scheduled for 8 p.m. June 2 in Fouts Field.

Miss Corder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis D. Corder, 802 Yucca, is a candidate for the bachelor of science degree in education. She is a member of the Student National Education Association and the Association for Childhood Education.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irven Thompson and Mrs. Daisy Toombs were Mrs. Warren Higgins of Sequin and daughter, Mrs. Don Murray, of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Risinger of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter and children of San Angelo and Mrs. Jennings Winter of Merkel.

Visitig in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Hopper during the past weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Foster and June of Palestine, Mr. and Mrs. Walter McGehee, Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cleveland and Linda, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jack McKennon, Joice and Alton Foster and Tommy Joe McGehee all of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Hopper Jr., and Kathy of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harris of Merkel.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Foster have returned to their home here after a recent visit to Alvarado, Venus and Commerce.

WORK ON RESCUE UNIT HERE WELL UNDERWAY

Fred Starbuck, civil defense director in Merkel, reports good progress on the Merkel Civil Defense Rescue Unit being organized here. Specifications having been established, a new water pump has been ordered, along with hose and nozzels, he said, with delivery expected in about two weeks.

"If progress seems slow," Waymon Adcock, chief of the rescue unit, said, "keep in mind that all work is being done on a volunteer basis and after regular work hours."

Adcock said several nice cash contributions have come in but not enough to cover the cost of the finished unit. He said it should be remembered, too, that the program is designed to include the area outside of Merkel as well as within.

"We would like to acknowledge the fine work done by the shop boys at the high school in making some adjustable splints as well as the time and money given by others who are not members of the rescue unit," Adcock stated.

Starbuck said, "This will be something that we will all be proud of. Very shortly we will be placing in motion other phases of Civil Defense and will be calling on other volunteer workers."

PERSONALS

The Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Dabney of Dallas and Mrs. Margaret Huddleston of Anson visited their mother, Mrs. Jenia Graham, the past weekend.

Mrs. Edna Brown and son, Jimmy, of Abilene visited relatives here Sunday.

Janie Breaux, student in LCC, Lubbock, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Breaux.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Roland and sons of Fort Worth were weekend visitors in the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elsie Roland and Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Simpson.

Mrs. Hester Groene is visiting her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. George Groene of Orizaba, Mexico.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. J. P. Davis Sunday were her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dewitt of San Angelo, a grandson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Dooley and children, of Big Lake and Mrs. J. L. Clay and son, Jimmie. Mrs. Davis who is 80 years of age received an orchid Sunday morning at the Calvary Baptist, being the oldest mother present.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McCoy and children of Morton were weekend visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Stevens and son, Larry of San Antonio spent the weekend in the home of his mother, Mrs. C. P. Stevens.

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"We are now working on a complete plan of operation and hope to have it ready for the printer soon. The distribution of this will do much to give everyone a complete picture of what the program of Civil Defense intends to do in this area."

Fifth Graders Honor Mothers

Mothers of pupils in Mrs. Carroll Benson's fifth grade room were honored at a tea in the school classroom Thursday afternoon.

Receiving guests were Danny Wade, Debi Corder and Mary Johnson. Jo Ann Lassiter, assisted by Jo Ann Stallo, Ann Browning, Liria Biera and Lisa Gardner, served refreshments.

Members of the class read poems they had composed for their mothers. Ronnie Chances led the group in singing "Mother."

Room decorations included "Mom" spelled out in high letters made of pink tissue cut on one wall, and Mother's Day cards drawn by each pupil for their mother.

The program was climaxed with the crowning of Mrs. Vincent Barnett as "Mother's Day Queen." She was crowned by her son, Finley, who is president of the class. Others assisting in the coronation were Gayla Prescott and Lisa Gardner.

Gifts were presented to Mrs. Tom Russom and Mrs. Samsay Doan for being the oldest and youngest mother present. Making the presentations were Randy Bond and Danny Wade.

Members of the committees in charge of arrangements were: Gifts — Mary Johnson, Debi Corder and Livia Biera; Table — Jo Ann Lassiter, Jo Ann Stallo and Mary Johnson; refreshments — Ann Browning, Lisa Gardner and Vickie Doan.

The class expressed appreciation to Mrs. B. L. Bond, room mother chairman, for all that had been done for the class during the year.

Other members of the class are Robert Moreno, Ronnie Lulu Wayne Myrick, Sharon Ledbetter, Deleta Rodgers, Juan Carranza, Paul Hernandez, Donald Russon, Tommy Reynolds, Madell Tyler, Kenny Wade, Joe Dudley, Paul Carson, Walter Tomlinson, John Nicholas and Derryl Herring.

Jerry Miller Gets Scholarship

ABILENE (Sp.) — Jerry Miller of Merkel has been awarded an American Studies scholarship for six weeks of summer study at Abilene Christian College.

These scholarships are for those in the field of education and pay all expenses of the recipients for one of the two six week semesters — room, board, tuition, books, and fees. He may enroll in any of the courses offered by ACC.

Miller will be attending the second session, July 18-August 28

Correction

In a story in last week's paper announcing the purchase of Kimbell Elevators by J. D. Hamilton and W. C. Cowan Jr. of Abilene, it was erroneously stated that Hamilton was owner of Ed Hamilton Feed and Grain of Abilene when it should have been J. D. Hamilton Feed and Grain. Also, Ed Sandusky is manager of the Merkel Elevator and not J. D. as stated in the story. A slight transposition of first names, boys Sorry.

Debra Turner Feted At Party

Debra Turner was honored by her mother, Mrs. Ike Turner, with a party on her eighth birthday May 7. Assisting with the serving was Youlanda Carey, Mrs. Turner's niece.

Guests present were Rosemary Bankston, Karlen Gamble, Beth Hicks, Sandy Hogan, Terry Luper, Debra Martin, Vickie Robertson, Kathy Springer, Chris Turner, Susan Turner, Cindy Wade and Dianne White.

Mrs. Dee Grimes and Mrs. Cyrus Pee will leave for Dallas this weekend where they will attend the "Fall and Back To School" fashion market.

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Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN



I will conduct a drapery workshop May 15th at Fellowship Hall at Pioneer Methodist Church. The meeting is open to the public and will begin promptly at 9:00 A.M. and end by 4:00 P.M. If you have not registered contact Mrs. R. E. Clemmer for the material that you would need. We will make a sample lined draw drape so you

will know just how to make drapes of many kinds what we finish. There will be a workshop at Potosi, May 25, and Pleasant Hill May 31. There will also be one at Ovalo, Tuscola, or Lawn May 23rd.

Last week Mrs. Leona Riden and I attended a District Meeting of District 7 Home Demonstration Agents held in Abilene. Part of the meeting was on laundering and we learned about fabric softeners.



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Fabric softeners are added to final clear rinse in the laundering process. A little goes a long way. If it is used each time an article is laundered, you may get a "build-up". Fabrics with a build-up of softener become less absorbent, more water repellent.

The fabric softener is attracted to the fabric and stays on it. Because of this, the amount of softener needed depends upon the pounds of clothes, not upon the gallons of water in the rinse. An eight pound load of clothes will use the same amount of softener, regardless of gallon capacity of the tub. Some fabric softeners are so concentrated an ounce will soften a whole eight to ten pound load. As with most laundry and other household products, it is important to follow package directions in using the fabric softener.

To get full benefit from the softener, articles should be agitated in the softener rinse a few minutes.

If a separate bluing is used, the fabric softener should be used after the bluing rinse. If starch is used the softener should be used before starching.

For more information attend a meeting on "Laundry Tricks" to be held in the Lone Star Gas Building in Abilene on May 20th beginning at 2:00 P.M.

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MERKEL, TEXAS

BADGER TAILS

Badger Tails was held at the Pioneer Methodist Church on May 15th. The program was a great deal by making a few incidents of the night were Wilson Wade skidded a little too fast on one of the speakers jokes.

There will be a reception at the cafeteria after the commencement exercises for the graduates and their guests. Miss Morton has taken up the



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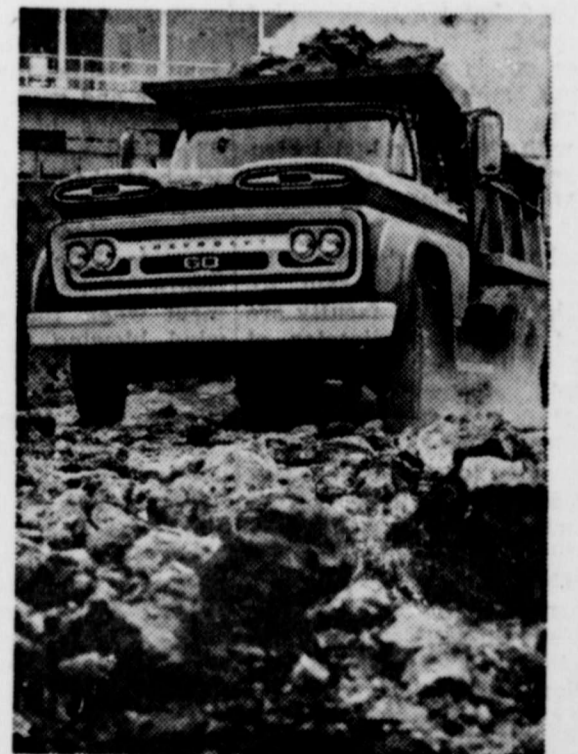


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Roy's laying it right on the line, letting you in on the best time to buy and the best place to save! That goes for whatever model you need, too... from pickups to tandems. And with Chevy's I.F.S. (Independent Front Suspension) soaking up road shock and vibration, your Chevrolet stays young, protects the load better, works faster. You make more money. And who can offer you anything better than that? Just see your dealer—soon.

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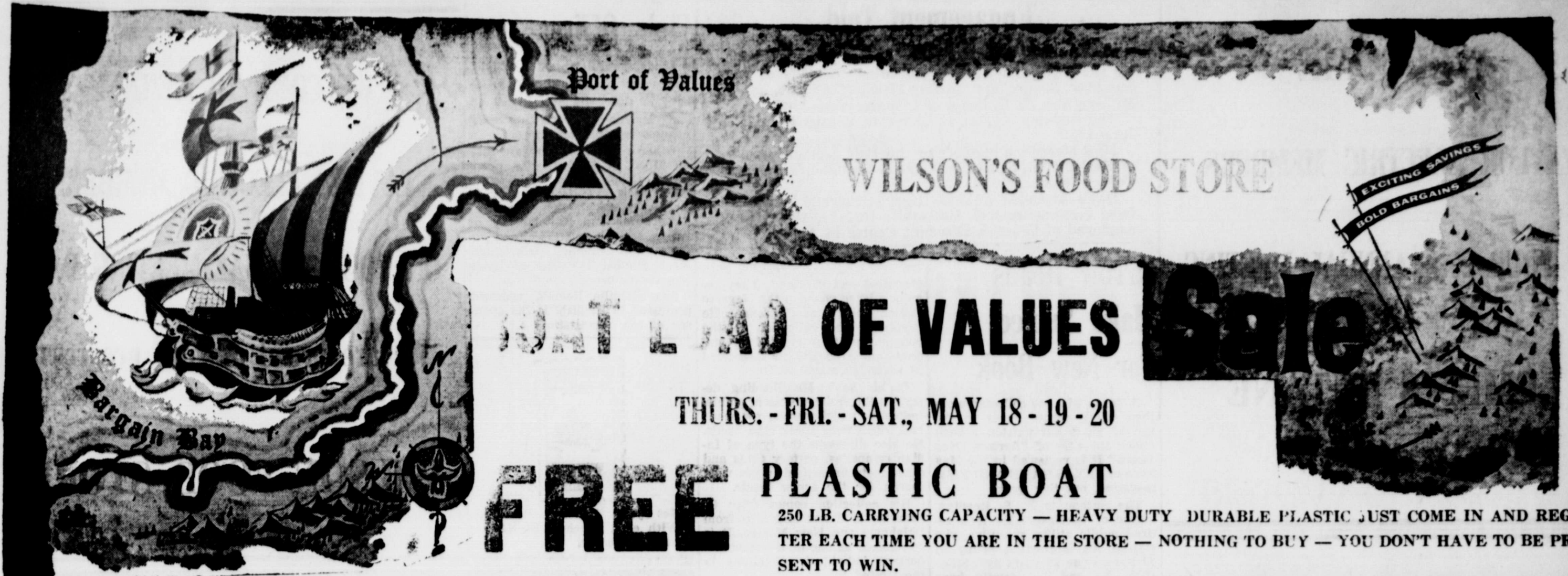
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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Merritt of Merkel are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sandra Fay, to Ray Davis of Abilene, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Davis of Odessa.

The wedding will be at Live Oak Baptist Church on June 17.

Miss Merritt, a member of the 1961 graduating class of Merkel High School, will attend Draughon's Business College in Abilene.

Davis attended Abilene High School and graduated from Hardin-Simmons University in May, 1960. He is employed at Gibson's Discount Center in Abilene.

**Arrow Heads
Make Subject
For New Book**

A Texan who has collected more than 40,000 arrow heads in the last 25 years has written a book under the title of "Arrows Over Texas." It is reviewed in the May issue of TEXAS GAME AND FISH magazine, out this week.

The author is R. S. Reading, mayor of Corsicana. He is a retired public utility executive who started his interesting hobby in El Paso, some 25 years ago. Since then, he and his family have hunted arrow heads and Indian artifacts all over the southwest. His present collection, number-

ing approximately 45,000 has been classified and mounted. They occupy a large room in the Navarro Junior College at Corsicana. He presented the collection to the college, and it is studied by students and archaeologists interested in early-day man.

In his book, Mr. Reading describes the various types of points, indicating which were arrow heads and which were spear type heads. He also discusses the type of Indian campsites, pottery finds and other facts unearthed in his wide search for the arrow heads.

His collection comes from 91 counties in Texas and also from Oklahoma and New Mexico. It is recognized as one of the most important individual collections in the United States.

The book is from the Naylor Press at San Antonio and sells for \$4.95.

**Karen Hood Is
Club Officer**

Linda McAllister of Glendale, Ariz., has been re-elected president of the Delta Social Club on the Hardin-Simmons University campus for the coming year.

Other officers chosen were Karen Hood of Merkel, vice president; Celia Wolfe of Wichita Falls, secretary; Joyce Reeve of Dallas, treasurer; Della Lewis of Sweetwater and Kay Murray of Anson, social promoters; Stephanie Pearce of Abilene, rush chairman; Suanna Hinrichs of Houston, chaplain.

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Farm Facts

What kinds of homes do farmers and their families live in today? The answer is "little different from those of their city cousins."

According to the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Balance Sheet for Agriculture, 1960, a large proportion of farm families now have many of the newer household appliances and home furnishings. Increasingly, expenditures are largely for replacements and improvements.

The value of furniture and appliances in farm homes was \$13.5 billion at the beginning of 1960, an increase of almost 3% over the year earlier and an increase of 73% since 1950.

And this increase has not been accounted for by higher prices. In terms of 1940 prices, the value of home furnishings and equipment has risen significantly. In 1960, the level was 34% higher than in 1940. It was 60% higher than in 1940.

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Value of furnishings in farm homes has increased 73% since 1950.



more than half the farm homes had telephones, 94% had running water, 90% had mechanical refrigerators, and 39% had home freezers. Percentages are higher now.

TEL Class Meets With Mrs. Ford

The T.E.L. Sunday School class of First Baptist Church met Wednesday, May 10 in the home of Mrs. Lucy Ford. Mrs. Irene Pomroy was co-hostess.

Mrs. Eunice Massey presided at the business session. Devotional was by Mrs. R. Y. Buchanan and Mrs. A. R. Booth led in prayer.

Refreshments of cold drinks and sandwiches were served to Mmes. Clay Satterwhite, John Mansfield, Austin Robertson, Bessie Jackson, Ira Moore, Buchanan, Booth, Massey, Myrtle Walker and Miss Selena Teaff.



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With the close of school Misses Jean Parker and Mary Jo Hutchins are leaving for Brownsville where they will visit the former's parents, Lt. and Mrs. Jackson Parker.

There are 54 candidates for graduation in the class of '41 consisting of 18 boys and 36 girls. Valedictorian of the class is Becky Gardner, whose average for the last two years of High school was 96.9. During all four years in High school she achieved a record of 96. Miss Doris Clyde Miller averaged 94 to win the honor of salutatorian.

Members of the graduating class of Trent High school are: Helga Beasley, Raydell Bishop, Mary Frances Bright, Nadine Childers, Ladie Fred Crain, Alpha Graham, Mildred Maddera, Virginia Chloe McRee, Betty Lou Howell, Allene Johnson, Avis Neill, Mildred Nixon, Tommie O'Rear, Billy Joe Purser, Leo Reynolds, Jonnie Roberts, Willadene Strawn, Wanda Stribling, Wilma Stribling, Mildred Swinney, Billy Tittle, Roy Yandell, Herbert Dene West.

On Sunday, May 18, the Methodist church at White Church, one of the oldest churches in Taylor county, will celebrate its 53rd annual home-coming day for former members of the church and community.

Jimmy Walker of El Paso attended the Border Conference track meet in Abilene and visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker of Merkel last weekend.

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Stith News

Rain is badly needed in the Stith community.
The Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell visited Saturday in Odessa with Mr. and Mrs. James Strange and Melinda Lee. They were accompanied home by Mrs. J. E. Swindell who had spent two weeks in the Strange home.
The Rev. and Mrs. Bob Carter and Angla were Sunday dinner

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Charles Guy Campbell, Jr. Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 26th day of June A.D. 1961, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 8th day of March A.D. 1961, in this cause, numbered 25,770-A on the docket of said court and styled Wanda Fay Campbell, Plaintiff, vs. Charles Guy Campbell, Jr., Defendant. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on the 1st day of August, 1958, and became permanently separated on the 1st day of February, 1961.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment and sues for custody of the minor child, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 12th day of May A.D. 1961.

Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk,
42nd District Court
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By Irene Crawford,
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ABC'S OF SOCIAL SECURITY

(Continued)

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guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones.

Mrs. Bertie Gandy and son and Mrs. Loyd New of Anson were Wednesday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Prescott.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning visited Sunday with her mother, Mrs. O. B. Tatum, a patient in Sadler hospital, Merkel.

Deanna and Dianna, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dayton, were ill with measles the past week.

Mrs. Fritz Hale visited her granddaughter, Kathy Newton, at an Odessa hospital, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fat McDonald and Pat, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry and Martha and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris, Lonnie and Johnny attended the singing at Colorado City Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry and Mrs. Bud Lilly attended funeral services Saturday at Brownfield for Mrs. Berry's brother, J. L. (Crip) Sims who died Friday in Odessa.

Other relatives attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Audrian Berry of Littlefield, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bridges and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bridges, all of Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sims of Tullia, Mr. and Mrs. Skinney Jones and mother of Crowell and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker of Slaton. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Buck Leach is a patient in Sadler Clinic hospital, Merkel.

Mrs. Roy Thomas and children of Merkel visited Mrs. R. C. Tyler Saturday.

Sandra Hale attended a shower for Linda Toliver, bride-elect of Jacky Riney, at Pioneer fellowship hall Saturday night.

Mrs. T. E. Butler of Anson spent a few days with Mrs. Nora McDonald the past week. The ladies quilted a quilt.

The youth revival will start Friday night, May 19 at the Stith Baptist church and continue through Sunday, May 21. Speakers will come from H-SU, Abilene and Hamlin. The public is invited to attend, especially the young people.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wayne Berry and children of Lubbock the past week.

Mrs. A. M. Evans attended the funeral of her cousin, Harriet White, at Amherst Sunday, May



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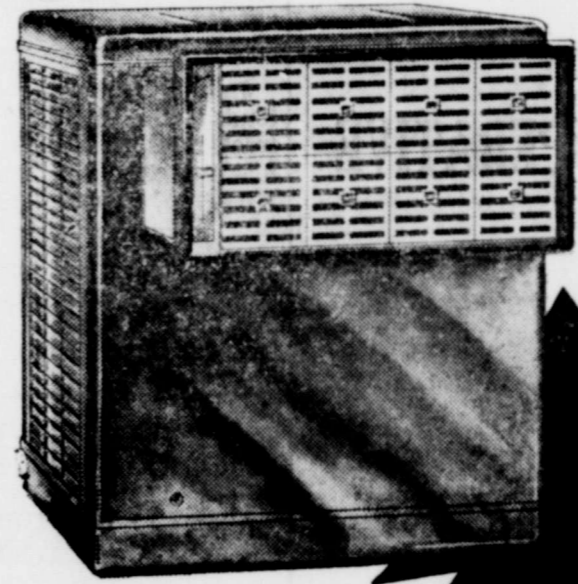
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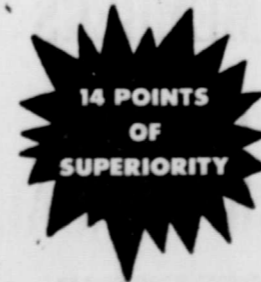


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could be the first time in history one of our big colleges has got caught in a squeeze between Wall Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. I'm watching for developments in this thing very careful, Mister Editor.

With all this mess going on in Africa, they was another item in the papers the other day that didn't git the proper attention. A Government official from one of them new African states got too fur into the brush and was eat up by his cannibal constituents. If them African natives consider politicians a choice morsel, we could send 'em several of ours. I'll let you have first pick, Mister Editor.

Speaking of politicians, I see where some feller at the convention of the American Science Institute said last week that it was now possible to tell what a chicken was saying when it cackled. I'm hoping that at their next annual convention they'll announce a invention fer telling what a politician is saying when he cackles. That would be the first major break-through we've had in Washington since Abe Lincoln announced Government was of the people, fer the people, and by the people.

The fellers at the country store Saturday night was viewing with alarm this new trend fer everybody in Government to hold a press conference about ever other day. Ed Doolittle allowed as how he couldn't git nothing on his radio and TV no more but some feller meeting the press. Everybody was agreed it's good fer people to know what's going on, but some of the fellers said it would also be nice if our public servants would spend a little time on the job.

Zeke Grubb brung up the idea that maybe farmers and ranchers ought to hold a press conference about onct a year. A heap of times, claimed Zeke, things has happened years afore the politicians can git it announced at a press conference. Fer in-

stant, when Roosevelt called a press conference in 1932 to announce that farms was washing away and that he was starting a soil erosion program, Zeke said he'd already had four farms washed away.

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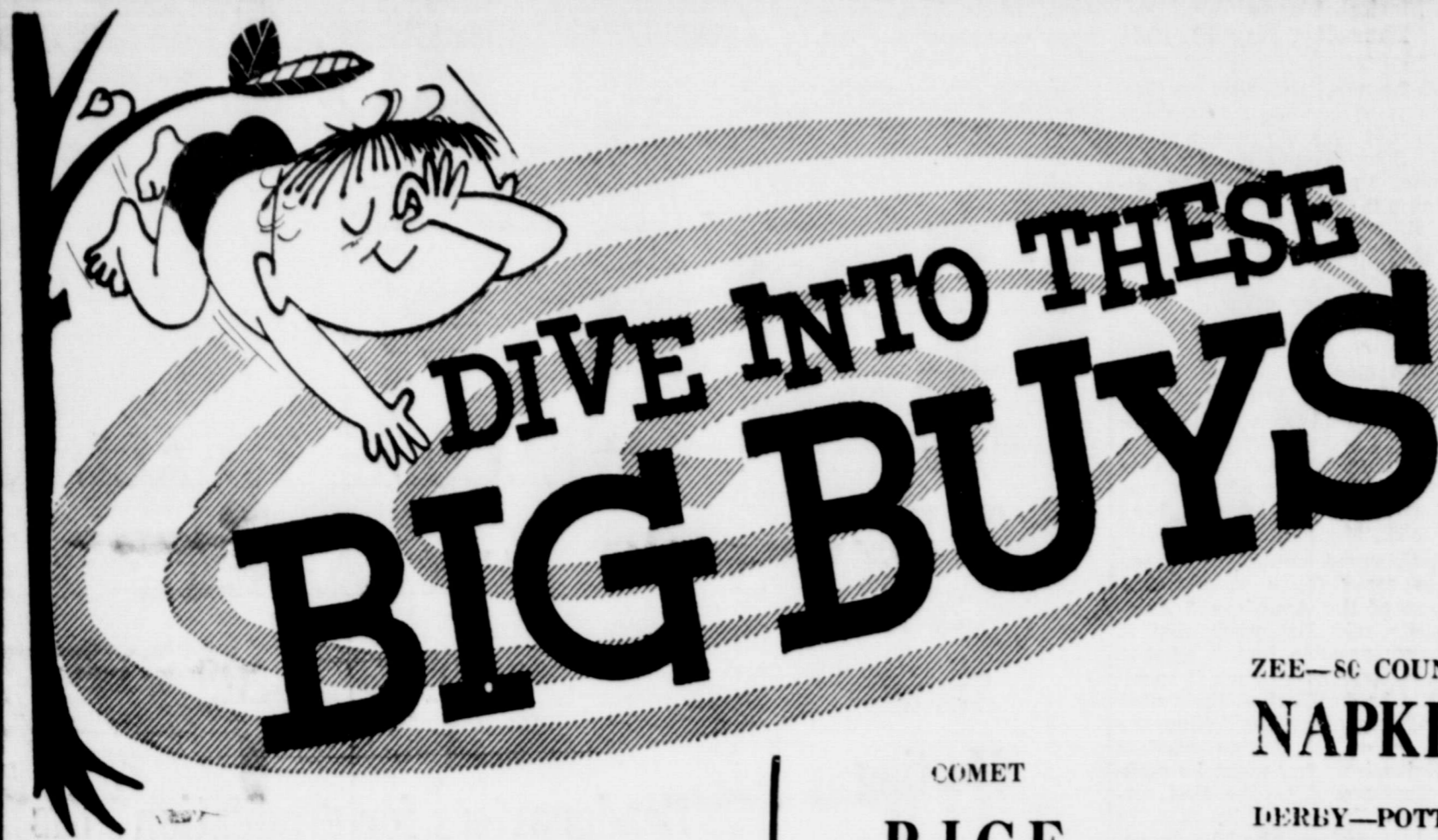
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 "Go Naked
 in the World"
 PLUS 12,000 IN
 GIFT BOND STAMPS
 JACKPOT DRAWING
 FRI. & SAT. - SUN
 DOUBLE FEATURE
 "Where the
 Boys Are"
 Plus
 "GORG0"
 REMEMBER EACH
 THURSDAY WITH
 \$7.50 IN PURCHASE
 OR MORE - F R E E
 SHOW TICKETS FOR
 THE ENTIRE FAMILY.

NABISCO PREMIUM
CRACKERS
 Lb. 25c

WAXY - WASH
CAR SHAMPOO
 16-oz. Jar 49c

ZEE-80 COUNT
NAPKINS 3 for 39c

BAKER'S
CHOCOLATE MIX
 16 Oz. Jar 33c

DERBY-POTTED
MEAT 6 Cans 49c

HOLSOM-5 1/2 OZ.
TEA in GLASS
 Jumbo 49c

DEODORANT
FLORIENT 69c

BIGGER BUYS

PEAS	ROSE DALE 303 CAN	2 for 29c
KRAUT	MARSHALL'S 300 CAN	3 for 39c
CORN	KOUNTY KIST 12 OZ.	2 for 29c
AUSTEX	LIMA BEANS & HAM	2 for 59c
TOMATOES	ROSE DALE 303 - WHOLE	2 for 33c
Pork & Beans	MARSHALL'S 300 CAN	6 for 49c
JUICE	LIBBY'S TOMATO 29 OZ.	2 for 39c
Apple Juice	SPEAS 32 OZ. JAR	25c
Grapefruit	MAGIC GARDEN JUICE NO. 2 CAN	10c
CATSUP	LIBBY'S 14 OZ. BOTTLE	2 for 39c
SYRUP	BRER RABBIT 1/2 GAL. JAR	43c

COMET
RICE
 2 Lb.
 Box **39¢**

ASSORTED
KOOL AID
 6 Pkgs. **19¢**

MARYLAND CLUB
 Instant **COFFEE**
 2 Oz.
 Jar **39¢**

BLEACH
PUREX
 Qt.
 Box **19¢**

**BISCUITS
 PREM
 CRISCO
 PEACHES
 COFFEE**

GLADIOLA
 3 CANS **19¢**
 SWIFT'S
 12 OZ. CAN **39¢**
 CREAMY
 3 LB. CAN **79¢**
 LIBBY'S
 2 1/2 CAN
 2 FOR **49¢**
 MAXWELL HOUSE
 LB. CAN **55¢**

Finest Quality
MEATS

GRADE A
FRYERS
 Lb. **25¢**
 WILSON'S CRISPRITE
BACON Lb. **49¢**
 FRESH
PORK STEAK Lb. **39¢**
 Gooch
 GERMAN SAUSAGE Lb. 69c
 Wilson's
 SMOKED JOWLS Lb. 39c
 Assorted
 LUNCH MEATS Lb. 49c
 Choice Beef
 SHORT RIBS Lb. 19c
 CHOICE HEAVY BEEF
CLUB STEAK Lb. **79¢**
 CHOICE HEAVY BEEF
CHUCK
 or **POT ROAST** Lb. **49¢**

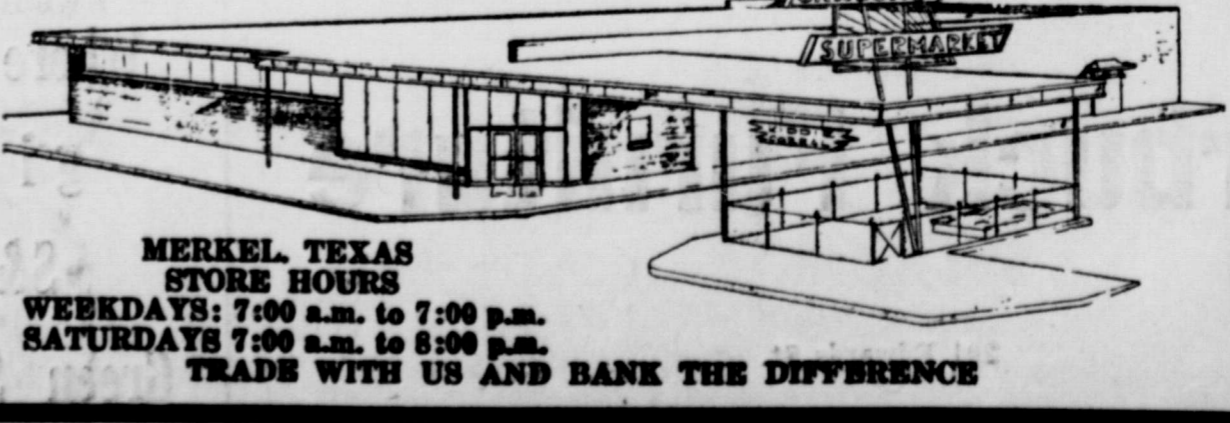
FROZEN FOODS
 DONALD DUCK
ORANGE JUICE
 2 6 oz. Cans **39¢**
 KEITH'S
FISH STICKS .. 2 for 49c
 KEITH'S CHOPPED
BROCCOLI 2 for 33c
 KEITH'S
CUT OKRA 2 for 33c
 KEITH'S
CUT CORN 2 for 33c

ZEE
TISSUE
 4 ROLL
 PKG. **29¢**
 KASCO
DOG FOOD
 5 LB.
 BOX **59¢**

Garden Fresh
Vegetables
 FRESH
TOMATOES
 Lb. **15¢**
 BANANA
SOUASH Lb. 10c
 SUN KIST
LEMONS Lb. 12c
 Fresh
 BLACKKEYED PEAS Lb. 10
 Texas
 NEW POTATOES Lb. 7c
 BEKO
SPUDS 10 Lb. Bag 49c

**DOUBLE
 GIFT BOND
 STAMPS**
 EACH WEDNESDAY
 ON \$2.50 PURCHASE
 OR MORE
 Window
 Specials
 TOO!

CARSON'S SUPERMARKET



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 STORE HOURS
 WEEKDAYS: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 SATURDAYS 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 TRADE WITH US AND BANK THE DIFFERENCE

PRICES
 GOOD
 THURSDAY
 FRI-SAT.
 MAY
 18-19-20

